

The Alma Record.

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Sheriff Newell Bradford is certainly after the liquor offenders of Gratiot county, and is getting the support of its best citizens. The last conviction was Louis Gates of St. who received 60 days in the county jail at the hands of Newell Smith. The charge was tipping, but as soon as he is released, a charge of running a blind pig will be brought against him. Every decent citizen should lend a helping hand and rid the country of these offenders. We believe Gratiot County is as free from this curse as any county in the state, but eternal vigilance is the only safeguard.

PERE MARQUETTE TO BE SOLD

Fixing the upset price for the sale of the Pere Marquette railroad at \$14,000,000, subject to the underlying bonds and interest, which virtually brings the price to \$42,000,000, Judge Arthur J. Tuttle, Thursday afternoon, handed down his decree ordering the road to be sold between now and November 15. William S. Sayres, special charge of the sale.

The Pere Marquette has been in the hands of receivers since April 5, 1912 when the American Brake & Foundry Company filed a petition for receivership, following the admitted inability of the road to pay an outstanding account due the petitioners.

Following the appointment of receivers, various phases of the case arose, and out of this came the prolonged harangue between the various groups of bondholders and mortgagees, which ended in the decree ordering the sale of the road.

The mortgages were divided into four groups, namely: the underlying or divisional mortgages, 10 in number; the consolidated mortgage; the refunding mortgage, and the refunding and improvement mortgages.

The underlying mortgages covered the original component parts of the system and totaled \$28,000,000. There are two other mortgages which in nature are divisional, but were not in existence at the time of the consolidation. The first is on the Pere Marquette of Indiana, for \$675,000 which was issued in 1903, and the other is a consolidation of mortgages on the Canadian lines of the Pere Marquette totaling \$5,870,000. This, added to the original \$28,000,000 of the underlying bonds, swells the amount to approximately \$32,500,000. In addition to this there are \$5,000,000 in debentures, which are virtually promises to pay without any security.

The consolidated mortgage was issued shortly after the consolidation of these separate divisions. It is termed a first system mortgage, but in reality is a second mortgage because it came after the divisional mortgage. The total bonds issued under the consolidated mortgage are \$8,332,000.

The refunding mortgage was issued in 1905, its title being a misnomer, as it did not refund anything—the purpose being to issue new bonds for improvements—and no outstanding indebtedness was taken up. The total amount outstanding on the refunding mortgage is approximately \$10,000,000.

\$16,000,000 Issue in 1911.
The refunding and improvement mortgage was issued in 1911, and bonds were issued as collateral security to a note for \$8,000,000. The total bond issue was for \$16,000,000, double the amount of the note. The company was unable to pay the interest on the note, whereupon the bonds were sold to realize on the note, and the sum realized out of the sale of the \$16,000,000 bonds was barely enough to pay the note. The total equity outstanding on the refunding and improvement bonds is \$8,000,000.

The total bond issue is slightly less than \$59,000,000. To this are added the debentures, the outstanding obligation for matured and unmatured equipment including principal and interest, the receiver's certificates and receiver's notes, bringing the funded debt to \$73,267,000.

Th original upset price of the road as fixed by the court is divided into three parcels—the property originally mortgaged, amounting to \$8,000,000; the interest on the consolidated mortgages, amounting to \$2,000,000, and the assets of the receivers, amounting to \$4,000,000. In the decree the court states that these three parcels shall be offered for sale individually and collectively. If the lump sum exceeds the total of the three individual bids, it will be sold in lump sum, and vice versa.

RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the county of Gratiot, Mich., to be held at Alma and Ithaca, on August

28, 1915, to fill the position of rural carrier at Alma, and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above-mentioned county. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1077. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington, at the earliest practicable date.

ALAS! THE POOR DOG

Alma people are too benevolent; so kind hearted indeed, that the state officials at Lansing, are experiencing a rising temperature 'neath the collar. Owing to the spread of the rabies throughout the central part of the state the order was sent out from the capital some time ago, that all dogs found unchained or unconfined should die.

"Love me, love my dog" as Solomon used to say, was in everyone's mind. The sheriff didn't like to incur the enmity of his neighbor or friend. The justices didn't like to court death without prospect of a more glorious death and so no arrests were made. This condition has come to the attention of the state officials.

Yesterday word came from this source that all dogs running loose MUST BE SHOT and that the owners are liable to \$10 fines and ten-day imprisonments. This is final. If the sheriffs, city officers and justices fail in their duty, there will be trouble brewing. For the sake of public health, rabies, cholera, germs of which are carried about by nice dogs as well as by bad dogs, must be stamped out.

735 WOLVES KILLED IN MICHIGAN LAST YEAR

Bounties Totalled Approximately \$18,079, of Which State Paid Half

Lansing, Mich., July 24.—Approximately 735 wolves were killed in Michigan, during the fiscal year ending July 1. The number may be a little larger since that because in some northern counties the bounty is higher than in ones farther south. This number is figured from the money spent by the state.

During this year the state expended just \$20,034.50. Under the law the state reimburses the counties one-half although the state will not settle for any bounty higher than \$25.

Provided all counties paid the same bounty the total sum spent for the killing would be \$18,079. But some counties pay as high as \$40 a hide, which would increase the total money spent considerably, although it would not fix the state's payment any higher. It is thought here to average about \$12.50 a wolf.

HEAVY AUTO TAX

The new automobile tax law which goes into effect January 1 next, will bring a lot more money into the state and county treasuries, but will be bad news to auto owners when they buy their 1916 licenses. Instead of the present three dollar license fee they will have to pay at the rate of 25 cents per horsepower plus 25 cents per 100 pounds weight of the car. The secretary of state has figured out that the average price of a license will be about \$13. The ordinary Ford car will cost about \$11 license fee and larger cars much more.

It is figured that next year about 135,000 licenses will be issued, as 102,000 have been issued already this year as against about 76,000 for the whole year 1914. The total sum paid for these licenses, it is estimated, will be about \$1,750,000, half of which will go to the state and half to the county in which the tax is paid.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Lloyd Mann, twenty eight years of age, was taken to the hospital suffering from an attack of appendicitis but it was decided that an operation was not necessary.

Mrs. Lete Fookes of Sumner, who has been in the hospital for a number of weeks, ill with pneumonia, left Sunday, entirely recovered.

Willard Schneider was operated on for strangulated hernia Friday morning and is making a satisfactory recovery.

Stanley Knudson is rallying very nicely from the effects of an operation for gangrenous appendicitis which was performed Wednesday morning.

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AUTO BUSINESS GETTING BIGGER

Alma Among The Leaders, Says Free Press
For years the motor car business has been written in big figures, dazzling dividends, enormous building operations and other things have run into hundreds of thousands and millions. But among all of these nothing quite classes with the plan of the Ford company to hand back to purchasers more than \$15,000,000, starting next week.

When the 1915 Ford announcement was made last August it was accompanied by the promise to rebate \$50 on each car purchased within the twelve month providing 300,000 cars were built and sold. It was so unusual that the people did not know how to take it at first, but they were not long in wheeling into line.

The refund money has been set aside and now the millions are in the bank, and the checks are being made and soon will be on their way. The 300,000 mark was passed on the sixteenth and it is estimated that 320,000 buyers will have rebates coming.

At the time of writing this nothing definite had been announced of the Ford policy for 1916, but that it will contain somewhat of a surprise there is little question.

But Ford activities do not rest wholly in the production of automobiles and light delivery cars. Just now a most elaborate plan is being worked out whereby there will be a number of Ford plants on the River Rouge which will be greater in floor space than the Highland park factory. This scheme includes the plant for the building of light farm tractors, furnaces for the converting of ore into iron and possibly a factory at which tires will be made.

It is a most elaborate scheme, one that it will greatly necessitate such a great expenditure that few other corporations could finance it. However, there is no question about it eventuating and when it does it will give employment to 20,000 men.

Detroit and the nearby cities of Flint, Pontiac, Jackson, Lansing and Alma, lead in the production of automobiles and motor trucks of all grades. Of course the Ford dominance puts this city far ahead in the field of cars—well for \$500 or less. The Buick, Studebaker, Maxwell, Oakland, Saxon, and some others will sell more cars in the division between \$500 and \$1,000 than any other state. The Cadillac, Chalmers, Hudson, Buick, King, Studebaker, Paige, Hupp, Olds and others will have the greatest aggregate of cars between \$1,000 and \$2,000. The Packard will lead all in the production of the high priced cars between \$2,000 and \$5,000.

So the future of the industry in Michigan, is safe and very bright. There is no inclination on the part of the successful companies to abandon the city where they have made their great strides for Chicago or any other place. Michigan will continue to be the motor state of the Union, and only unforeseen calamity can prevent the output of 1916 models from being the greatest in the history of this country. —Detroit Free Press.

BUILDING & LOAN STATEMENT

The Following is the Statement of the Alma Building & Loan Association from July 1, 1914, to July 1, 1915

	Rec'd	Disb'd
Cash on hand July 1, 1914	\$852.50	
Interest	1123.32	
Taxes	232.17	
Premiums	634.40	
Installments	1097.61	
Reserve	6.00	
Pass Books	20	
Rents	24.00	
Loans Paid	2232.12	
Taxes and Insurance Paid Up	448.81	
Contracts	485.82	
Dividend on Real Estate	5.96	
Sale of Real Estate	408.25	
Loans	1520.00	
Maturing Stock	2416.01	
Expenses on Real Estate	433.35	
Expense on Real Estate	111.96	
Cash on hand July 1, 1915	4117.66	

	Res.	Disb'd
Loans	\$112,300	
Contracts	1781.84	
Cash on hand	4117.66	
Pass Books	20	
Membership Fees	496.52	
Reserve	10596.48	
Stock Account	17090.20	17090.20

Date of Issue	Series	No. of Shares	Value per Share
July 2, 1908	25	25	\$1.01
July 1, 1909	28	28	78.89
January 6, 1908	29	10	62.08
July 6, 1908	40	90	62.21
January 4, 1909	41	75	54.92
July 6, 1909	42	20	41.88
July 6, 1910	44	1	26.24
July 3, 1911	46	25	29.62
July 1, 1912	47	19	16.06
January 9, 1913	48	11	18.91
July 6, 1914	50	3	8.72

This is to certify that we have examined the books of the Alma Building and Loan Association for the year ending July 1, 1915, and find them true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. S. Knottz (Auditor)
R. H. Wilcox (Auditor)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
County of Gratiot

On this 4th day of July 1915 before me a Notary Public in and for said county of Gratiot personally appeared James E. Mitchell, President and Perley M. Smith, Secretary of the Alma Building and Loan Association, who severally declared the foregoing statement to be true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

James E. Mitchell, President
Perley M. Smith, Secretary
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of July, A.D. 1915.
William A. Bahlke, Notary Public in and for Gratiot county, Michigan. My commission expires Feb. 26, 1917.

Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Eaton of Battle Creek visited friends in Alma, over Sunday.

Legal Notices

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH J. KNAPP

STATE OF MICHIGAN. The Probate Court for the County of Gratiot. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the village of Ithaca, in said County, on the 27th day of July A. D. 1915.

Present: Hon. J. Lee Potts, Judge of Probate, in the matter of the Estate of Elizabeth J. Knapp, Deceased. Albert L. Knapp having filed in said court his petition, praying for license to sell the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described.

It is Ordered, That the 27th day of August A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that the next of kin and all persons interested in said estate appear before said court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

J. Lee Potts
Judge of Probate
A true copy
Belle Jenne
Clerk of Probate. 1898-4x

STATE OF MICHIGAN

First State Bank, a corporation, Complainant,
vs.
Louis Thompson, Julius Ziesse, Minnie Camp, John Ziesse, Wil. J. Ziesse, on them Ziesse, Fred Ziesse, and Christian Ziesse, Ex-Deceased of Adolph Ziesse, Deceased.
Defendants.

In this cause, it appearing from affidavit on file, that the defendant Fred Ziesse is not a resident of this state, but is a resident of Reno, state of California, and that Minnie Campbell, one of the other defendants herein, has departed from her last known place of residence, and her residence cannot be ascertained. On motion of William A. Bahlke, solicitor for complainant, it is ordered that the appearance of said defendants, Fred Ziesse and Minnie Campbell, be entered hereto, within five months from date of this order; and in case of his or her appearance, that he or she or both cause their answer, or other pleading to the bill of complaint to be filed, and a copy thereof to be served upon the complainant's solicitor within twenty days after service upon him or her of a copy of this order; and in case of his or her failure to do so, that the complainant may cause a decree of this order to be published in the Alma Record, a newspaper of said county, and that publication be continued therein, once in each week for six weeks in succession; and that said complainant cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said non-resident defendants at least ten days before filing their answers hereto, as required by their appearance. William A. Bahlke, Solicitor for Complainant. Bally St. Bank Building for Complainant. Alma, Michigan. 1915-16.

MOST CHILDREN HAVE WORMS

And neither parent or child know it, yet it explains why your child is nervous, pale, feverish, backward. Often children have thousands of worms. Think of how dangerous this is to your child. Don't take any risk. Get an original 25c. box of Kickapoo Worm Killer, a candy lozenge. Kickapoo Worm Killer will positively kill and remove the worms. Relieves constipation, regulates Stomach and Bowels. Your child will grow and learn so much better. Get a box today.

WHEN ALMA PEOPLE

Publicly Testify, It's Evidence Not to Be Ignored.

When residents of Alma are willing to recommend Doan's Kidney Pills in this paper, is there any good reason to try a kidney backache or bladder remedy that is not as well recommended?

Mrs. Joseph F. Sartors, 201 Lincoln avenue, Alma, says: "The first symptom of kidney trouble that I had, was pain in my back. Then I had headaches and dizzy spells. The kidney action was irregular and gave me a lot of annoyance. Nothing did me any good until I got Doan's Kidney Pills at Rhodes' Drug Store. They relieved the ailments. My kidneys got normal and the pains left. That happened two years ago and I gave a statement telling what they had done for me at that time. Since then I have used Doan's Kidney Pills off and on and they have kept my kidneys in good shape."

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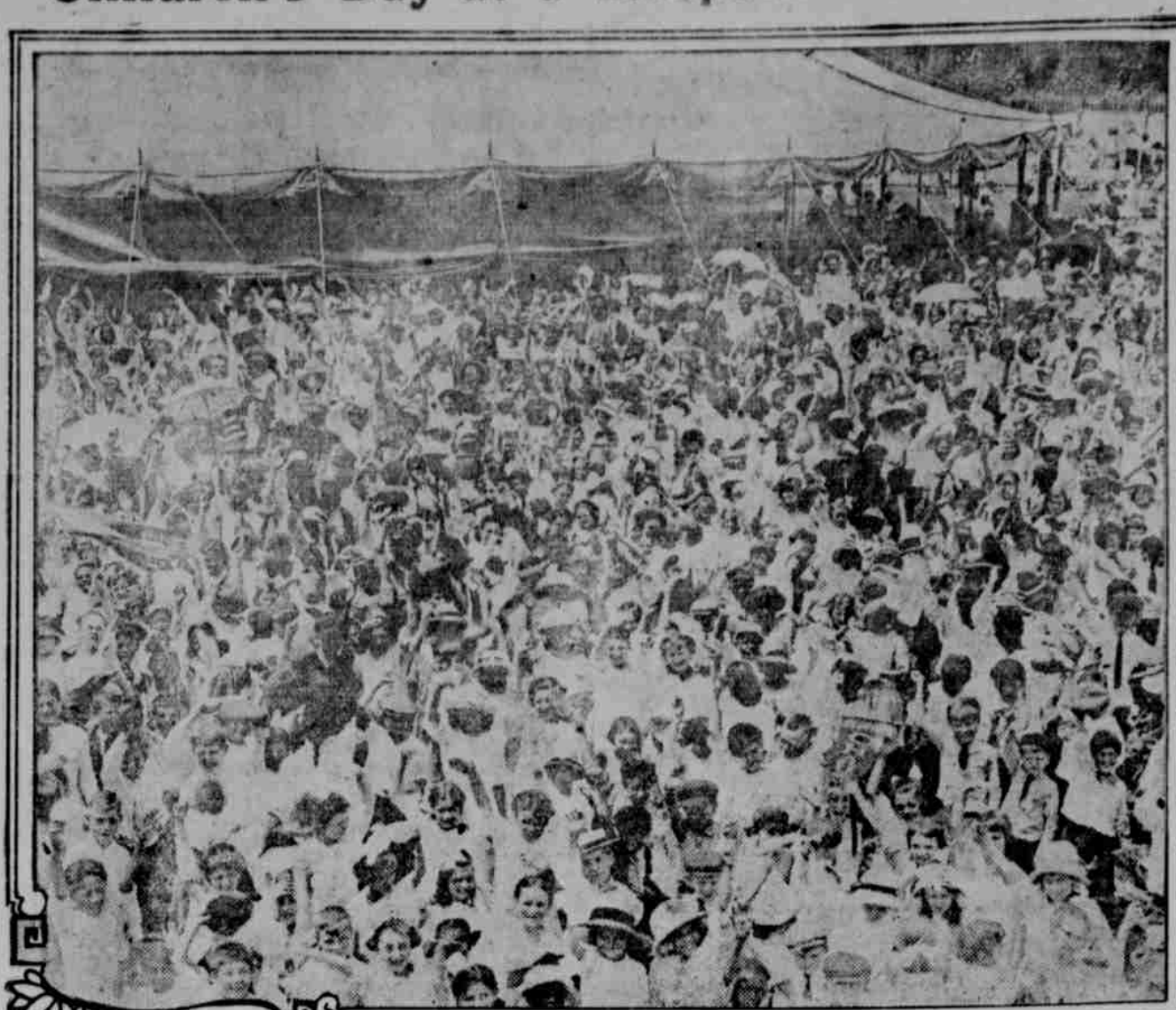
Additional Local

Dave Mindell, Clarence Banghart, Arlo Eckert, Mr. and Mrs. Will Cushing, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rudick, Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Madden, Ralph Peacock, of Marselles, Ohio, a 1915 graduate of the college, spent the week end in Alma, the guest of Arthur Carpenter, on his way to Munger, where he has accepted a position in a pickle plant.

Professor James E. Mitchell left Tuesday morning for Duluth, where he will join his wife and three sons, and spend a month. He went to Detroit, where he took a boat and went around by lakes.

The Arcadia Union School is enjoying an unusual success. The school has purchased a new organ and every

Children's Day at a Redpath Chautauqua



THE young women who conduct the children's work on the Redpath Chautauquas will follow a new system during the coming season, a method that will present the stories, folk dancing and games to the children in a more systematic manner.

This year the children's workers have received a special training in the following program: On the first day the children's workers at each Chautauqua will tell Indian folk tales and teach the children a few of the simple folk dances of the Indians; on the second day, Russian folk tales and Russian folk dancing; on the third day, German folk tales and German folk dances, and on the fourth day, Scandinavian folk tales and Scandinavian folk dancing.

The reason for the change from miscellaneous story telling to a plan for each day is to make each session's work a definite whole. We feel that this will be an advance step in the children's work and will interest the parents.

The children's workers will also be ready to give to the parents in each community two informal talks on such subjects as "The Place of the Story in the Education of a Child" and "The Value of Play in the Moral Development of Children." We feel that the above arrangement will appeal to the parents and be doubly interesting to the children.

The children's workers who will appear at the Redpath Chautauquas this season, one at each Chautauqua, are: Miss Vera E. Swanson, Miss Vivian Grace Ditto, Miss Helen McArthur, Miss Mabelle C. Conquist.

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Sunday sees a larger attendance. The services next Sunday will be featured by a special address.

Mrs. Arthur Lippert and little son have gone to Saginaw, and Wolverine for a three weeks' visit with friends and relatives. Arthur Lippert is staying with Frank Kingdig, the new mail carrier, in the meantime.

The diplomas for the college seniors which should have been presented commencement day but which had not arrived yet, were sent out from the President's office, Tuesday, to the twenty four 1915 graduates scattered around the United States.

Wheat was never better than it is this year. Farmers throughout the country are cutting their crop this week, though some have it already

harvested. Beans, corn and oats are equally good, though of the three perhaps corn will not be as heavy a crop as the others.

Miss Mabel Ardis Reed travelled through the west with a large tourist party, during the early part of the summer and will write for the Record, in a serial form, a story of her trip. Her first article will appear next week. Miss Reed is well known in Alma and vicinity. She is a graduate of the college and a musician of considerable talent. Her articles will be well worth reading.

Usual Ratio.

Cityman—"How many servants do you keep?" Suburbanite—"About one out of twelve."—Buffalo Express.

Camels Working Life.

Camels are fit for serious work at five years, and their strength begins to decline at twenty-five years, although they live for thirty-five and forty years.

As to Palmistry.

If the lines of the hand really indicated how long a person will live, insurance people would have adopted palmistry long ago.

Reputation and Character.

Reputation is what men and women think of us; character is what God and the angels know of us.—Thomas Paine.